



Challenge TB - Bangladesh

**Year 1
Monitoring Report
October 2014 - March 2015**

Submission date: April 30, 2015

Challenge TB Year 1 Quarterly Report

Country: Bangladesh

Reporting period: October 2014 - March 2015

Lead partner: MSH

Other partners: KNCV

Most Significant Achievements:

During this first quarter, the focus was entirely on finalizing the workplan, establishing an office, and recruiting staff.

The workplan was finalized and approved.

The Challenge TB office in Bangladesh has been set up.

Most staff have been recruited; M&E officer started working in March. Besides, PPM, Technical advisor, Lab, and PMDT staff have been recruited in Feb and started in April.

Technical and Administrative Challenges:

The recruitment of the Country Project Director has proven very challenging, with two candidates rejected and also internal blockages slowing down the submission of candidates to USAID.

Finalizing the Purchase Order for the containerized lab for Sylhet.

Challenge TB Quarterly Report - Success Story

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Planned Success Story Idea for Year 1

Not clear yet, as we are just starting the assessments which will guide activities in the later years.

The success story falls under which sub-objective?

The success story falls under which intervention area?

Status update of the success story

Challenge TB Quarterly Report - Status of activities

Country: Bangladesh Reporting period: October 2014 - March 2015
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Sub-objective: 1 Enabling environment

Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current	Activity number	Planned Milestones				Milestone status		Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or other key information)
			Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	met? (Met, partially, Not met)	
1.1 Provision of services according to national guidelines for all care providers and risk groups	Develop strategic plan for country-wide implementation of PPM	1.1.1		ToR prepared; Experience/documentation collected; Team established; Planning workshop conducted	1st draft plan developed	Final strategic plan developed and endorsed; Plan printed and distributed	Preparatory work, like the discussion on the methodology and a detailed step by step fleshing out of the workplan done by Interim Technical Advisor with the PPM officer as well as with recruited technical advisor who will play also a role in PPM assignments.	Not met	PPM Officer and technical advisor, as technical teamleader, will come on board in April, job interviews were held in February.
	Draft plan for implementing mandatory notification	1.1.2		Options explored	Draft options discussed and modified, if required; (revised) options prepared	Implementation plan finalized	Assess the type of problems in PPM (which type of providers are preferred by patients), and modalities on how to how to bridge the gaps in private sector involvement	Partially	Interim technical advisor started exploring options; full-time staff start in April
	ISTC planning for roll out in APA2	1.1.3		Info of ISTC use in training collected	Info on ISTC use in training analyzed; Preparation of plan to roll out initiated	Roll out plan prepared		Not met	Staff to come on board in April; nothing been done yet, as the TA is not yet there. Discussions with him showed that he has experience in training of ISTC use and the impact of only training.
1.2. Demand side: Community empowered, especially among risk groups	Inventory of national ACSM activities in TB and other programs	1.2.1		Info on ACSM activities collected	Info on ACSM activities analyzed	Ideas for ACSM priorities identified; ACSM draft plan developed for APA2	Interim technical advisor elaborated with PPM/vulnerable groups TO detailed 3 months work plan (before formal start). The work plan starts with an assesment what is done by other partners and eventual studies done.	Partially	Staff to come on board in April

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Sub-objective: 2 Comprehensive, high quality diagnostics									
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Planned Milestones				Milestone status		Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or other key information)
			Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015	met? (Met, partially,	
2.1 Access to quality TB diagnosis ensured	Develop national lab strategic plan	2.1.1		ToR developed; Workshop team and dates of workshop established	Workshop of 3 days with 20 people; Workshop of selected team conducted; Draft strategic plan prepared	Strategic plan finalized & printed		Not met	Lab officer comes on board beginning of April, SSTA planned for May
	LED microscopy training	2.1.2				Training of 90 microscopists			Activity to take place in Q4, SSTA reserved for end of June
2.2 EQA network for lab diagnostics & services functioning	Improve EQA system and implement the new EQA guideline (including FM microscopy)	2.2.1		ToR prepared; Dates for workshop and training identified; New EQA guidelines printed; Workshop and 1 training conducted; Local TA for conduct of 2 workshops selected; 2 trainings conducted		New EQA guideline introduced country-wide		Not met	Staff to come on board in April, planned for end of June
2.3 Access to quality culture/DST ensured	Ensure supplies for culture/DST for 1 NTRL & 2 RTRLs	2.3.1		existing stock and forecast requirements calculated				Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Hain second-line LPA screening for all detected MDR cases	2.3.2		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized			Not met	Staff to come on board in April
2.4 Access, operation and utilization of rapid diagnostics (i.e. Xpert) ensured for priority populations	Xpert cartridges procurement and maintenance Xpert machines (procured under TB CARE II)	2.4.1		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized; Maintenance contracts signed		Adjustment to plan agreed with USAID: TB CARE II to do first order of cartridges (May); CTB order to be placed in Q3.	Not Met	TB CARE II procuring Xpert cartridges, so no CTB activity required in Q2
	Support the NTRL for training and supervision to Xpert sites	2.4.2		Support NTRL	Support NTRL	Support NTRL		Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Sustain mHealth system for DOT for MDR patients	2.4.3		Procurement initiated and processed	Procurement finalized	Engagement process with NTP in taking ownership initiated		Not met	Staff to come on board in April

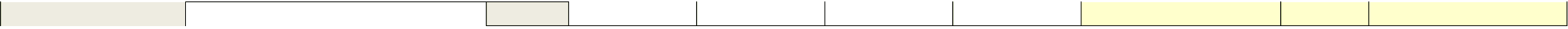
3.2 Access to quality treatment and care ensured for TB, DR TB and TB/HIV for all risk groups from all care providers	cPMDT roll out in 4 districts	3.2.1		Workshop team and dates of workshop established	Workshop conducted			Not met	Staff to come on board in April
	Improved detection of DR TB suspects	3.2.2		Workshop team and dates of workshop established	Workshop conducted			Not met	Staff to come on board in April

Sub-objective: 7 Political commitment and leadership		Planned Milestones					Milestone status		met? (Met, partially,	Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or other key information)
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015			
7.2 In-country political commitment strengthened	Develop strategic plan to transition some/all NTP costs from donor to gov't funding	7.2.1			Strategic plan developed	Strategic plan developed				No milestones anticipated in Q2
	Give technical support to CCM Secretariat	7.2.2		Continuous support to CCM secretariat and procurement processes	Continuous support to CCM secretariat and procurement processes	Continuous support to CCM secretariat and procurement processes		Not met		Staff to come on board in April

Sub-objective: 9 Drug and commodity management systems		Planned Milestones					Milestone status		met? (Met, partially,	Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or other key information)
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015			
9.2 New and ancillary drug regimens for TB/MDR/LTBI patients available, as appropriate	Operational research on 9-month regimen	9.2.1		RFA developed,Awardee selected		Procurement commenced STTA provided.	RFA template prepared; awaiting approved SOW	Partially		Awaiting SOW; discussions within Bangladesh Government continue regarding SOW.

Sub-objective: 10 Quality data, surveillance and M&E		Planned Milestones					Milestone status		met? (Met, partially,	Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or other key information)
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015			
10.2 Epidemiologic assessments conducted and results incorporated into national strategic plans	Establish a research agenda	10.2.1		Revival of the research working group	Conduct workshop where the research agenda is prioritized; STTA of external consultant			Not met		Staff to come on board in April

Sub-objective: 11 Human resource development		Planned Milestones					Milestone status		met? (Met, partially,	Remarks (reason for not meeting milestone or other key information)
Intervention areas	Planned Key Activities for the Current Year	Activity number	Oct-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2015	Apr-Jun 2015	Jul-Sep 2015	Oct 2014 - Mar 2015			
11.1 Qualified staff available and supportive supervisory systems in place	Joint supportive supervision	11.1.1		Support JSS	Support JSS	Support JSS		Not met		Staff to come on board in April
	Assess the balance of staffing and tasks between NTP and NGOs including supervision	11.1.2			Assessment developed					No milestones anticipated in Q2



Challenge TB Quarterly Report - Global Fund Engagement

Country Bangladesh Reporting period: October 2014 - March 2015

Current Global Fund TB Grants

Name (i.e. NFM 1)	Average rating*	Current rating	Total approved amount	Total dispersed to date

*Since January 2010

In-country Global Fund status - key updates, current conditions, challenges and bottlenecks

Challenge TB & Global Fund - Challenge TB involvement in GF support/implementation, any actions taken during this reporting period

No significant interaction during this initial quarter, which focused on finalizing the workplan and recruiting staff.

Challenge TB Quarterly Report - MDR-TB Update

Country	Bangladesh	Reporting period	October 2014 - March 2015
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MDR TB cases diagnosed and put on treatment in country

Quarter	Number of MDR cases diagnosed	Number of MDR cases put on treatment	Comments:
Total 2010			TB CARE II is currently tracking. Challenge TB to assume this responsibility later in 2015.
Total 2011			
Total 2012			
Total 2013			
Total 2014			
Jan-Mar 2015			
Apr-Jun 2015			
Jul-Sep 2015			
Oct-Dec 2015			
Total 2015			

Challenge TB-supported International Visits (technical and management-related trips)

Country		Bangladesh	Reporting period		October 2014 - March 2015							
#	Partner	Activity Code	Name	Purpose	Planned month, year	Status (pending or completed)	Dates completed	Duration of the visit (# of days)	Debrief presentation received	Summary report received	Final report received	Additional Remarks (Optional)
1	MSH		Christopher Welch	Interim Country Project Director	Feb-15	Completed	1/29 - 2/11	14	No	Yes		No debrief presentation requested
2	MSH		Zubayer Hussain	Interim Country Project Director	Feb-15	Completed	2/19 - 3/06	14	No	Yes		No debrief presentation requested. Time in Bangladesh was split, with the first two weeks for CTB and the following time for SIAPS. Only the CTB portion is counted in the "duration" column.
3	KNCV		Netty Kamp	Interim Technical Advisor	Feb-Mar 2015	Completed	1/23 - ?	30	Yes	No		
4	KNCV		Netty Kamp	Interim Technical Advisor	Feb-Mar 2015	Completed	? - 3/24	30				Second trip required due to Bangladeshi visa caps
5	MSH		TBD	To-post travel for Country Project Director	Q1	Pending						Only if expatriate hired
6	KNCV		Maarten van Cleef	PY1 Work planning	Dec-14	Completed	11/17-11/28	11	Yes	No		
7	KNCV		Marijke Becx	PY1 Work planning	Dec-14	Completed	11/17-11/28	11	Yes	No		
8	KNCV		Technical Focal Point (Dr. Asif Mujtaba Mahmud)	Country Directors meeting	Jun-15	Pending						
9	MSH		Country Project Director (TBD)	Country Directors meeting	Jun-15	Pending						
10	KNCV		M&E Officer (Emdadul Hoque)	Country Directors meeting	Jun-15	Pending						
11	MSH		Berhane Assefa	PY1 Work planning	Nov-14	Completed	11/17-11/28	11	Yes	No		
12	MSH		Anna Spector	PY1 Budgeting	Nov-14	Completed	11/16-11/28	12	Yes	No		
13	MSH		Munira Siddiqi	Human Resources support for start-up incl. team orientation	Apr-15	Pending						
14	KNCV	1.1	TBD	Workshop with PPM team to M&E guidance for PPM, set targets, and revise training policies	Q2	Pending						
15	KNCV	2.2	Marijke Becx	Lead workshop on EQA	Q2	Pending						
16	MSH	11.1	TBD	Assess the balance of staffing and tasks between NTP and NGOs including supervision	Q3	Pending						
17	MSH	12.1	Christopher Welch	Management supervision	May-15	Pending						
18	MSH	12.1	Christopher Welch	PY2 Work planning	Jul-15	Pending						
19	KNCV	12.1	Netty Kamp	Technical supervision	TBD	Pending						
20	KNCV	12.1	Netty Kamp	PY2 Work planning	Jul-15	Pending						
21	KNCV	2.1	Valentina	Develop national lab strategic plan	Q3	Pending						
22	KNCV	2.1	TBD	Lab accreditation for NTRL	Q3	Pending						
23	KNCV	9.2	TBD	Operational research on 9-month regimen	Q4	Pending						
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Total number of visits conducted (cumulative for fiscal year)						3						
Total number of visits planned in workplan						23						
Percent of planned international consultant visits conducted						13%						

Quarterly Photos (as well as tables, charts and other relevant materials)